

Justification and Approval

For

Limited Sources, Use of Multiple Award Schedule

1. Contracting Agency: Defense Human Resource Activity- Procurement Support Office
4040 N Fairfax Dr Suite 120 Arlington, VA 22203

2. Authority Cited: 41 U.S.C. 251, *et seq.* and Title 40 U.S.C. 501, FAR 8.8405-6 – Limited Sources – Brand Name, Multiple Award Schedule Program

3. Description of Supplies and Services. The Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) requires maintenance and support of MicroFocus Optimal Trace Enterprise Edition , QADirector and TestPartner software products. This software is used by DMDC for their enterprise automation testing tool and requirements traceability management system.

4. Description of Action: A Firm-Fixed Price contract is planned with a total estimated value of [REDACTED]. The period of performance includes a 12-month base period and two 12-month option periods.) FY11 O&M funds are available in the estimated base period amount of [REDACTED].

5. Reason for Authority Cited:

a. DMDC acquired the MicroFocus Software Suite products via competitive acquisitions to meet their requirement for an enterprise automation testing tool and requirements traceability management system. The MicroFocus software is successfully meeting DMDC's system requirement needs and DMDC does not anticipate a change in their requirement or a replacement of their system in the next three years, Therefore, DMDC requires only annual product support and maintenance at this time.

b. Market Research did identify other product offerings similar to the current MicroFocus Suite, such as Caliber Analyst, WinRunner, and TestDirector. However, use of these products would result in procurement costs would significantly exceed [REDACTED] for the new software; migration, implementation, support and maintenance of the software, and personnel training. These costs would not be recouped in a repurchase.

c. The required support and maintenance licenses are proprietary to MicroFocus and therefore are available only from the manufacturer and its authorized product resellers.

6. Effort to Obtain Competition: Unless there is a change to the requirement, future acquisitions for requirements for these software maintenance and support licenses will continue to be restricted to MicroFocus and its authorized resellers. This requirement will be posted on GSA E-Buy to obtain maximum competition among authorized resellers with GSA Schedule contracts.

7. Effort to remove barriers to/increase competition: DMDC will continue to monitor the marketplace for any new products that may become available to meet this requirement. At the time that equipment reaches the end of its useful life, or should the DMDC requirement change,

DMDC will address the government's minimum needs and conduct an in-depth marketplace analysis to ensure maximum practicable competition is obtained.

8. Market Research: Market Research was performed utilizing search engines, historical data, and analyzing other agency contracts ie GSA. Research identified several comparable software suites to meet this requirement. However, as detailed in paragraph 5 above DMDC does not require new hardware and/or software. As a result, market research determined that the sources capable of meeting this requirement are authorized MicroFocus resellers that provide maintenance and support licenses for the MicroFocus Software Suite.

9. Interested Sources: Authorized MicroFocus resellers, with GSA Schedule contracts, including the incumbent contractor, Spectrum Systems Inc, Component Source

10. Other Factors: The current maintenance and support expires March 31, 2011

11. Technical Certification: I certify that the supporting data under my cognizance that are included in this Justification and Approval are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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12. Requirements Certification: I certify that the supporting data under my cognizance that are included in this Justification are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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APPROVAL

Approval is granted subject to the availability of funds and provided that the products/services described herein have otherwise been authorized for acquisition.

14. Contracting Officer: I certify that the facts and representations included in this Justification are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and hereby determine that the anticipated cost to the Government will be fair and reasonable and will represent the best value in accordance with FAR 8.404(d)].

Signature:  Date: 4 Apr 11
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